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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Election/Restriction

In response to the requirement to make an election, Applicant elects Group II, Claims 61-105, drawn to a process for regenerating catalyst, classified in class 502, subclass 038, with traverse.

Applicants respectfully contend that the Restriction Requirement is improper on the basis that a search of the invention of Group I would not be burdensome to the Examiner, and for that reason the restriction of the invention is improper.

Applicants request that non-elected Group I, Claims 1-60, drawn to a catalyst regenerator, classified in class 422, subclass 223, be withdrawn from consideration until at least the elected Group II claims is found allowable. As provided in MPEP Chapter 821.04, Applicants respectfully reserve the right to rejoin non-elected claims in Group I, Claims 1-60, drawn to a catalyst regenerator, classified in class 422, subclass 223.

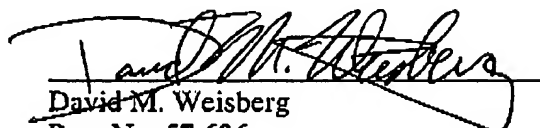
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CONCLUSION

If any points remain in issue that the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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